GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RICE BRAN OIL
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity of the oil mills set up in the country to produce edible oil from the rice bran;

(b) the total quantity of rice bran oil produced during 2003-04 and till date;

(c) whether the rice bran oil mills are facing a threat of closure due to lack of encouragement from the Government; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save this industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): As per available information, the total installed capacity of the solvent extraction units set up in the country to produce various solvent extracted oils including rice bran oil is estimated at 310 lakh tonnes per annum in terms of oil bearing material.

(b): The total quantity of rice bran oil produced during 2003-04 and 2004-05 has been as under:-

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Year (November - October)	Ricebran oil produced (estimated)
2003-04	6.0
2004-05 (November -04 March, 05)	2.7

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.